

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 14, 17, 18, 21 through 23 have been amended.

1. - 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

storing a list of subscribers ~~[[in]]~~ of a phonebook application into a phonebook stored in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook ~~application~~, said presence

information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

receiving the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers as an ad-hoc group for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface;

in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate control plane function signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing said new ad-hoc group call with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device;

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said speech item or said speech item request is sent based on settings defined in user plane functions; and

deleting the user's selection of the ad-hoc group from the phonebook when said new ad-hoc group call ends.

15. - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following,

store a list of subscribers of a phonebook application into a phonebook stored in a subscriber device;

store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

open the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

display the list of subscribers on the user interface;

receive the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers as an ad-hoc group for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface;

in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, provide appropriate control plane function signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing said new ad-hoc group call with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device;

send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said speech item or said speech item request is sent based on settings defined in user plane functions; and delete the user's selection of the ad-hoc group from the phonebook when said new ad-hoc group call ends.

~~a controller configured to display a list of subscribers of a phonebook application on a user interface, said phonebook application containing said list of subscribers and presence information of the subscribers, and said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call,--~~

~~said controller being configured, in response to the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers as an ad hoc group for a new ad hoc group call from the list via the user interface, to display a group communications menu on the user interface,--~~

~~said controller being configured, in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, to exchange appropriate control plane function signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing said new ad hoc group call with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the apparatus,--~~

~~said controller being configured to send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on settings defined in user plane functions, and~~

~~wherein the ad hoc group is deleted when said new ad hoc group call ends.~~

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a controller configured to display a list of subscribers of a phonebook application on a user interface, a phonebook of said phonebook application containing said list of subscribers and presence information of the subscribers, and said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call,

said controller being configured, in response to the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers as an ad-hoc group for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface, to display a group communications menu on the user interface,

said controller being configured, in response to the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface and the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate control plane function signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing said new ad-hoc group call with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the apparatus,

said controller being configured to send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on settings defined in user plan functions, and

wherein the user's selection of the ad-hoc group is deleted from the phonebook when said new ad-hoc group call ends.

19. - 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a radio transceiver with a group communication capability;

a memory containing a phonebook that includes a list of subscribers of a phonebook application, and presence information of said subscribers, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call,

a controller connected to a user interface from a user of the apparatus via which a group call activation can be received with a selection of two or more individual subscribers as an ad-hoc group for a new ad-hoc group call from said list of the phonebook application,

said controller being further connected to said transceiver to send via said transceiver to a group communication service in a network infrastructure an ad-hoc group call setup control plane function signaling for said new ad-hoc group call with the newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the apparatus,

said controller being configured to send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call, wherein said speech item or said speech item request is sent based on settings defined in user plane functions, and

wherein the user's selection of the ad-hoc group is deleted from the phonebook when said new ad-hoc group call ends.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable tangible storage medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause an apparatus to at least perform the following steps ~~encoding an executable program of instructions being configured to control a processor to perform:~~

storing a list of subscribers ~~[[in]]~~ of a phonebook application into a phonebook stored in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call; opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

in response to the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers as an ad-hoc group for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface, displaying a group communications menu on the user interface;

in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate control plane function signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing said new ad-hoc group call with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device;

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on settings defined in user plane functions;

and

deleting the user's selection of the ad-hoc group from the phonebook when said new ad-hoc group call ends.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable tangible storage medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause an apparatus to at least perform the following steps ~~encoding an executable program of instructions being configured to control a processor to perform:~~

storing a list of subscribers [[in]] of a phonebook application into a phonebook stored in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

receiving the user's selection of two or more individual subscribers as an ad-hoc group for a new ad-hoc group call from the list via the user interface;

in response to the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate control plane function signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing said new ad-hoc group call with said newly selected individual subscribers and the user of the subscriber device;

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on settings defined in user plane functions;

and

deleting the user's selection of the ad-hoc group from the phonebook when said new ad-hoc group call ends.

24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said controller comprises at least one programmable unit.

25. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said controller comprises at least one of a signal processor and a central processing unit.

26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein said controller comprises at least one programmable unit.

27. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said controller comprises at least one programmable unit.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said controller comprises at least one of a signal processor and a central processing unit.

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said apparatus comprises a subscriber terminal having a speech communication capability.

30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said apparatus comprises a computer device having a capability for speech communication over Internet.